

## **AIDS FOR DEVELOPING CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT COLLECTIONS**

### **SELECTIVE BASIC LISTS**

*Best Books for Children: Preschool Through Grade Six.* Catherine Barr and John T. Gillespie. 10th ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2014. \$195.00. ISBN 978-1-59884-781-9.

*Best Books for Middle School and Junior High Readers: Grades 6-9.* John T. Gillespie and Catherine Barr. 3rd ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2013. \$90.00. ISBN 978-1-59884-782-6.

*Best Books for High School Readers: Grades 9-12.* Catherine Barr. 3rd ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2013. \$90.00. ISBN 978-1-59884-784-0.

Each of these volumes includes thousands of recommended titles selected to satisfy both a child's recreational reading needs and the demands of a typical school curriculum.

*Best Books for Young Adults.* 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Holly Koelling. ALA, 2009. \$46.00. ISBN 978-0-8389-3569-9.

Compilation of ALA's Best Books for Young Adults by year, by author and by subject.

*Booklist's 1000 Best Young Adult Books Since 2000.* Edited by Gillian Engberg and Ian Chipman. ALA, 2014. \$62.00. ISBN 978-0-8389-1150-1.

Includes fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and graphic novels.

*Children's Core Collection.* 21st ed. H.W. Wilson, 2014. \$240.00. ISBN 978-0-8242-1239-1. (Price includes three annual supplements.)

A selected, classified catalog of recommended children's books, preschool to 6th grade, arranged with nonfiction first, in order by Dewey Decimal Classification, followed by picture books, fiction, and short stories. All 17,000 titles were in print at time of publication. Four year cumulations and yearly supplements. Also available as a web subscription. New feature: identifies titles that are "most highly recommended."

*Middle and Junior High Core Collection.* 11th ed. H.W. Wilson, 2013. \$295.00. (Price includes three annual supplements.) ISBN 978-0-8242-1229-2.

Same format as *Children's Core Collection*, but contains books for older children, although many titles appear in both volumes.

### **SPECIALIZED SUBJECTS**

*A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books.* Rebecca L. Thomas and Carolyn Lima. Libraries Unlimited, 2014. 9th ed. \$95.00. ISBN 978-1610693530.

An excellent aid for finding picture books on a particular topic, both fiction and non-fiction.

*Best Books for Boys.* Matthew D. Zbaracki. Libraries Unlimited, 2008. \$45.00. ISBN 978-1-5915-8599-2.

500 titles that appeal to boys from grades 3-10, organized by genre.

*Global Voices: Picture Books from Around the World.* Susan Stan. ALA, 2014. \$52.00. ISBN 978-0-8389-1183-9.

Recommended picture books from other countries, published in the U.S.

*Literature Links to American History, K-6: Resources to Enhance and Entice.* Lynda G. Adamson. Libraries Unlimited, 2010. \$70.00. ISBN 978-1-5915-8468-1.

Chronologically arranged, each chapter contains recommended fiction and nonfiction of the period plus graphic novels and DVDs.

*Literature Links to American History, 7-12: Resources to Enhance and Entice.* Lynda G. Adamson. Libraries Unlimited, 2010. \$70.00. ISBN 978-1-5915-8469-8.

Similar to above, but for middle and high school students.

*Literature Links to World History, K-12: Resources to Enhance and Entice.* Lynda G. Adamson. Libraries Unlimited, 2010. \$70.00. ISBN 978-1-5915-8470-4.

Chapters on Europe and the British Isles are arranged chronologically and recommend fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, CDs and DVDs. In addition there are much shorter chapters on large geographical regions of the world (e.g. "Afghanistan and the Indian Subcontinent" or "China, Japan and Korea").

*The Newbery and Caldecott Awards: A Guide to the Medal and Honor Books, 2014 Edition.* ALA, 2014. \$33.00. ISBN 978-0-8389-3609-2.

An annotated list of all the medal and honor books, plus background on the awards and photos of the new medalists. Updated annually.

*Picturing the World: Informational Picture Books for Children.* Kathleen T. Isaacs. ALA, 2013. \$52.00. ISBN 978-0-8389-1126-6.

250 excellent titles published in 2006-2010.

*Rainbow Family Collections: Selecting and Using Children's Books with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Content.* Jamie Campbell Naidoo. Libraries Unlimited, 2012. \$50.00. ISBN 978-1-59884-960-8.

Information on rainbow families, a history of the literature and a bibliography with both recommended and not recommended titles for preschool-grade 4.

## ANNUAL COMPILATIONS

### "Bulletin Blue Ribbons"

An annual list of the editors' favorite books from the previous calendar year, published in the January edition of *The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, and at <http://bccb.lis.illinois.edu>. Archived lists dating back to 1990 are also online.

### “Fanfare”

A selected list of the editors’ choices of books published in the previous year found in the January/February issue of *Horn Book* and at <http://www.hbook.com>.

### “Notable Children’s Books” ALA., Association for Library Service to Children.

Annual list selected by a committee of librarians includes picture books, fiction, and nonfiction. Reprinted in Booklist and School Library Journal. Also of interest: “Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults,” “Best Books for Young Adults,” “Best Fiction for Young Adults,” “Fabulous Films for Young Adults,” “Graphic Novels Core Collection,” “Great Early Elementary Reads,” “Great Graphic Novels for Teens,” “Notable Children’s Recordings,” “Notable Children’s Videos,” “Outstanding Books for the College Bound,” “Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults,” “Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers,” “Tween Award Book List,” “YALSA: Best of the Best,” “Alex Awards” (top ten adult books for young adults), all published by ALA. All available at: [www.ala.org/alsc](http://www.ala.org/alsc) or [www.ala.org/yalsa](http://www.ala.org/yalsa).

### “Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People.” National Council for the Social Studies. Annual, updated every June.

Single copies available for \$5 (includes S&H). Send a check to: The Children’s Book Council, Attn: Social Studies, 54 West 39th St., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10018. Previous years’ lists are available online at: [www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable/](http://www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable/).

### “Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12.” National Science Teachers Association.

Annual, updated every March. Current list and previous years’ lists (back to 1996) available online at: <http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/>.

### “Rainbow Project Reading List.” <http://glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/>

A list of books with significant gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender content aimed at youth through age 18.

### “SLJ’s Best Books”

A selected list of the editors’ choices of books published in the previous year found in the December issue of *School Library Journal*, and on their website [www.slj.com](http://www.slj.com).

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